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SUBJECT: LUNCH WITH ALLON

REF: TEL AVIV 8366

1. WHILE I THINK THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ALLON'S LUNCH IN EAST JERUSALEM, I AM NOT SO SANGUINE THAT THIS WILL NOT BE USED BY THE ISRAELIS AS A PRECEDENT, OR THAT IT WILL NOT RECEIVE PUBLICITY. I WOULD LIKE YOU, THEREFORE, TO TELL ALLON THAT YOUR ACCEPTANCE WAS A PERSONAL GESTURE ON YOUR PART, AT THE END OF YOUR STAY IN ISRAEL, AND THAT IT SHOULD OF COURSE NOT BE READ AS INDICATING ANY CHANGE IN OUR POLICY REGARDING VISITS OF SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO EAST JERUSALEM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE POLICY WE HAVE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED.

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2. IF THE PRESS SHOULD INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE LUNCH, YOU SHOULD TAKE THE SAME GENERAL LINE, WHICH WE WILL DO HERE AS WELL.
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